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Buy tickets, check times, pick up leaflets and even book a short break; our friendly staff are always happy to help.

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- Central Station Metro station
- Gateshead Interchange
- Haymarket Metro station
- Heworth Interchange
- Four Lane Ends Interchange
- MetroCentre
- Monument Metro station
- North Shields Metro station
- Park Lane Interchange
- South Shields 34-36 Fowler Street

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0870 608 2 608
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Concessionary Travel Pass and Metro Gold Card

For Tyne and Wear residents aged 60 and over



Your Concessionary Travel Scheme

If you are aged 60 or over, live in Tyne and Wear and have a Concessionary Travel Pass, you can travel on buses within Tyne and Wear for free.

Concessionary Travel Passes are free of charge; all you need to do is fill in the application form at the back of this leaflet and follow the instructions on how to apply for your travel pass.

Metro journeys are not free of charge but you can avoid paying full fares by buying an annual Metro Gold Card. Metro Gold Cards cost just £12 a year; just tick the box on the application form at the back of this leaflet.

Your questions answered

Is bus travel free for the over 60s?

Yes, if you have a Concessionary Travel Pass, you can travel free of charge in Tyne and Wear from 9.30am Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and Bank Holidays.

What about Metro?

Travel on Metro from 9.30am Monday to Friday and all day at weekends, Bank Holidays and in July and August is just £12 for a whole year but only if you have a Metro Gold Card. There are no discounted fares for Concessionary Travel Pass holders. Apply for your Metro Gold Card using the application form in this leaflet.

How about the Shields Ferry?

A trip on the ferry from 9.30am Monday to Friday, all day at weekends and Bank Holidays is 50p when you show your Concessionary Travel Pass.

What about Northern Rail services between Newcastle and Sunderland?

Travel on this Northern Rail service from 9.30am Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and Bank Holidays and in July and August is only free with the Metro Gold Card. There is no discounted fare on this Northern Rail service without the Metro Gold Card.

Is it the same for Northern Rail services between Newcastle and MetroCentre/Blaydon?

No, travel on this Northern Rail service from 9.30am Monday to Friday, all day at weekends and Bank Holidays is 50p with your Concessionary Travel Pass.

Can I travel free of charge to early morning hospital appointments?

Yes, if you need to travel before 9.30am in order to get to a hospital appointment, just show your hospital appointment card or letter with your CT Pass when requested.

How to apply for your travel pass

- All Concessionary Travel Passes and Metro Gold Cards are issued by post.
- Please note that if you want a Metro Gold Card, and you do not already have a Concessionary Travel Pass, you will have to apply for one at the same time.
- You have a choice of how to apply for your pass - either by post or in a TravelShop. If you apply by post, please send us photocopies of your proof of age and address, not the originals (Nexus accepts no responsibility if original documents are sent).
- Send your application to our Concessionary Travel Bureau (address overleaf).
- Special envelopes addressed to Nexus are available in Nexus TravelShops for you to use to send your application to us.
- However, if you choose to drop your application into a TravelShop, you can take originals of your proof of age and address. The TravelShop staff will check your documents and hand them straight back to you. They will then send your application to our Concessionary Travel Bureau for your pass to be issued. Most TravelShops also take passport photos for £3.
- Your Concessionary Travel Pass and/or Metro Gold Card will be posted out to you within 5 working days of us receiving your application.
- If you are 59, you can apply for your pass one month before your next birthday to ensure you have it ready to use as soon as you reach 60.

What do I need to send you?

You will need to send us the following

- Completed application form
- A passport photo (please write your name on the back)
- Proof of your age
- Proof that your permanent address is in Tyne and Wear
- A stamped self-addressed envelope
- £12 - if you are applying for a Metro Gold Card (by cheque or postal order made payable to Nexus if applying by post, cash if via a TravelShop)

The following documents are acceptable as proof (one for age, another for address)

Proof of age

Passport
Driving licence
Birth certificate

Proof of address

Council tax bill
Gas bill
Electricity bill
Phone bill

Application form

Please note that this is the application form to use if you are applying for a CT Pass because you are aged 60 or over. If you are applying for a pass because of a disability, a separate form is available from any Nexus TravelShop, or from www.nexus.org.uk.

Concessionary Travel application

I am a Tyne and Wear resident aged 60+,
applying - (please tick all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	for my first CT Pass
<input type="checkbox"/>	for my first Metro Gold Card
<input type="checkbox"/>	for a replacement CT Pass
<input type="checkbox"/>	for a replacement Metro Gold Card
<input type="checkbox"/>	to renew my CT Pass
<input type="checkbox"/>	to renew my Metro Gold Card

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss etc)	
Surname	
Forename(s)	
Date of birth	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone number	
First line of previous address	
Renewals/replacements - existing pass number (if known)	

I declare that the above details are correct and that I will use the pass in accordance with the conditions which I have read and understood.

Signature

For office use only

Pass number (Staff initials)

Have you provided	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Staff use only
If applying for first CT pass A passport photo, with your name written on the back.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If applying for first CT pass Proof of age - photocopy if posting, original if via a TravelShop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If applying for first CT pass Proof of address - photocopy if posting, original if via a TravelShop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If applying for replacement CT Pass OR Metro Gold Card £3 cheque or postal order made payable to Nexus if posting; cash payments at TravelShops only	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If applying for replacement CT Pass AND Metro Gold Card £6 cheque or postal order made payable to Nexus if posting; cash payments at TravelShops only	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If renewing or applying for first Metro Gold Card £12 cheque or postal order made payable to Nexus if posting; cash if via a TravelShop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All applicants A stamped self-addressed envelope	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

For office use only

Payment received by (Staff initials)

Where do I send my application to?

Either hand it in at any Nexus TravelShop or post it to us at -

Concessionary Travel Bureau

Nexus
Nexus House
St James Boulevard
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 4AX

If you have any questions about applying for your pass, or the Concessionary Travel scheme, please call **0191 203 3434**.

I've lost my pass - what do I do?

If you think you lost your pass while using public transport, please contact the appropriate operator. Call TraveLine on **0870 608 2 608** if you are unsure which operator's service you were on.

If the operator has not found your pass, you will need to complete this application form.

A replacement Concessionary Travel Pass or Gold Card cost £3 each.

You will need to send us the following:

- Completed application form.
- A stamped self-addressed envelope.
- £3 if you have lost your Concessionary Travel Pass or Metro Gold Card, £6 if you have lost both your Concessionary Travel Pass and Metro Gold Card (cheque or postal order made payable to Nexus if posting, cash can be paid at any TravelShop).

The Tyne and Wear Concessionary Travel scheme is financed by the Passenger Transport Authority and administered by Nexus in conjunction with your Local Authority.

My pass is about to run out - how do I renew it?

You can renew your pass during the month that it runs out or in the month before that. You will need to complete this application form. There is no charge for renewing your Concessionary Travel Pass. You do not need to send in your current or expired CT Pass when you renew it.

You will need to send us the following:

- Completed application form.
- A stamped self-addressed envelope.

Conditions of use

- 1 All Concessionary Travel Passes and Gold Cards remain the property of Nexus and will be withdrawn if misused.
- 2 Concessionary Travel Passes and Gold Cards are not transferable and can only be used by the person named and shown on the pass.
- 3 For journeys on the ferry, and rail between Newcastle - MetroCentre/Blaydon, you will be required to purchase a ticket to use with your Concessionary Travel Pass
- 4 For journeys on Metro, or on Northern Rail services between Newcastle and Sunderland, you will be required to purchase a full adult ticket if you do not have a valid Gold Card.
- 5 Concessionary Travel Passes can only be used for travel on specified local public transport services within Tyne and Wear.
- 6 Notwithstanding the above, the passholder is subject to the General Conditions of Carriage and passenger regulations of the participating operators.